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63. (Amended) The quality control material of claim 60, wherein an absorbance spectrum of said one or more substances is altered by adding a spectral modifier.

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73. (Amended) A quality control material for use in a reagentless spectrophotometric apparatus, comprising, one or more substances that mimics an indicator of hemolysis, wherein said one or more substances are selected from the group consisting of total Hb, oxy-Hb, "total Hb minus met-Hb," cyanmet-Hb, amaranth, acid fuchsin, basic fuchsin, ponceau S, chromotrope 2R, phenol red, crystal ponceau, methyl orange, a Hb-based blood substitute, oxy-Hb, carboxy-Hb, cyanmet-Hb, a polymer, and a protein, and wherein said quality control material is exposed to atmospheric conditions.

REMARKS

Claims 1-83 and 96-97 are pending in this application. Claims 63 and 73 have been amended to correct minor informalities. Claims 84-95 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.